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SUBJ: TORONTO MAIL SERVICE HALTED BY STRIKE

SUMMARY - MAIL SERVICE IN TORONTO AND TWO MAJOR SUBURBS HAS BEEN INTERRUPTED BY WILDCAT STRIKE BY MAIL VAN DRIVERS. OUT-LOOK FOR RESUMPTION OF SERVICE REMAINS UNCLEAR. END SUMMARY.

1. A STRIKE BY SEVERAL HUNDRED DRIVERS OF THE TORONTO LOCAL OF THE LETTER CARRIERS UNION HAS INTERRUPTED ALL MAIL SERVICE IN TORONTO AND TWO MAJOR SUBURBS. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, STRIKE BEGAN JULY 26 WHEN APPROXIMATELY 150 DRIVERS WALKED OUT IN SUPPORT OF A DRIVER SUSPENDED FOR REFUSING TO TAKE HIS VAN OUT ON SAFETY GROUNDS. NO MAIL IS BEING DELIVERED TODAY (JULY 28) AND CHANCES OF DELIVERY ON MONDAY APPEAR SLIGHT. POST OFFICE HAS REQUESTED 1,000 MAILMEN IN THE AFFECTED AREAS NOT TO REPORT FOR WORK AND ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL EXPECTED TO BE AFFECTED IF STRIKE CONTINUES.

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2. DRIVERS ARE CONTENDING THAT 1977 DODGE STEP VANS, SERIES 115, ARE UNSAFE DUE TO FAULTS IN THE STEERING AND SUSPENSION SYSTEMS. CHARGES HAVE BEEN DENIED BY CHRYSLER SPOKESMAN AS WELL AS POSTAL OFFICIALS. LOCAL UNION HAS SCHEDULED A GENERAL STRIKE VOTE FOR EVENING OF JULY 30 ON THE VAN SAFETY ISSUE. EFFORTS TO RESOLVE PROBLEM ARE APPARENTLY COMPLICATED BY UNION'S INSIS-

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TENCE THAT SOME OF STRIKING DRIVERS BE INCLUDED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. UPOST OFFICE MANAGEMENT SAYS IT WILL NOT "RECOGNIZE A WILDCAT STRIKE" BY MEETING WITHP TRIKING DRIVERS.

3. SBCIOR POSTAL OFFICIAL TOLD CONGEN YESTERDAY THAT PRESSURE BY OTHER POSTAL WORKERS WHO ARE BEING LAID OFF WILL FORCE THE "FEW RADICALS" TO RETURN TO WORK IN NEAR FUTURE. HOWEVER, PRESIDENT OF LETTER CARRIER'S UNION ALEX POWER HAS TAKEN STRONG PUBLIC LINE ON MATTER, TELLING LOCAL PRESS THAT THERE ARE "GRAVE FUNCTIONAL DESIGN ERRORS" IN MANY OF THE TRUCKS IN QUESTION.

4. POST WILL FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS AND KEEP DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY ADVISED OF ANY SITUATION WHICH MIGHT REQUIRE ACTIVATING CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR CONGEN MAIL.
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